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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

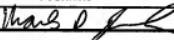
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| <i>Application Number</i> | 10/695,941 |
| <i>Filing Date</i> | October 30, 2003 |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Klaus-Dieter Hammer |
| <i>Group Art Unit</i> | 1772 |
| <i>Examiner Name</i> | O'Hern, Brent T.. |
| <i>Attorney Docket No.</i> | P178 1130.11 |

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on Page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on March 8, 2007
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Preliminary Amendment
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1039(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other: An Interview with the Examiner is requested before further action on the merits is taken.
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.
- i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) **\$790.00 (Fee code 1801 large entity)**
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. Other: _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Mark D. Jenkins | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 59,566 |
| Signature |  | Date | April 9, 2007 |

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL—

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent to the central facsimile number, 571-273-8300, for patent application related correspondence on April 9, 2007.
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